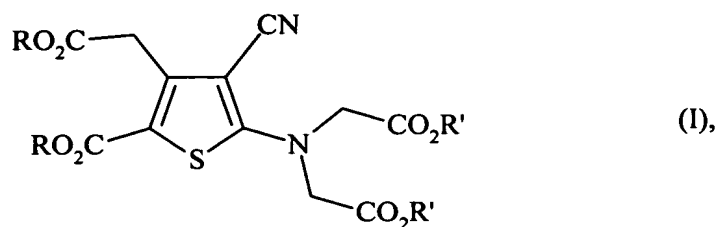


ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The process for the industrial synthesis of compounds of formula (I) :



5 wherein R and R', which are the same or different, each represent linear or branched (C₁-C₆)alkyl.

Application to the synthesis of bivalent salts of ranelic acid and more especially strontium ranelate and its hydrates.